

APPROVED JANUARY 28, 2009

The Fremont Budget Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles Kimball at 7:05 PM. Present were Doug McElroy, Rich Violette, Andy Kohlhofer, Mike Nygren, Charles Kimball, Selectman Donald Gates, School Board Representative Peg Pinkham and Recording Secretary Jeanne Nygren.

A motion was made by Violette to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2009 meeting with one correction on page 5. This was seconded by McElroy. The vote was unanimous 7-0.

A motion was made by Kohlhofer to table the minutes of the January 19, 2009 meeting to clarify a statement that Kohlhofer was quoted as saying. The motion was seconded by McElroy. The vote was unanimous 7-0.

A motion to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2009 meeting was made by McElroy, seconded by Gates. The vote was 5-0 with 2 abstaining.

A brief discussion was held regarding the North Road issue versus the insurance investigation. Gates feels that on North Road it would be good to inquire if insurance would pay, then anything being done to it will be an improvement. Nygren feels there is reason why they have agreed to put this on a warrant article. Gates feels this being on a warrant article will get the taxpayer's opinion. He also feels there probably should be a guardrail put on that road. The concern by Nygren was by putting it on a warrant article for the Town to pay, makes it a source of ownership. In a normal business approach it would be to have the contractor's insurance pay for this, or if it is a Town employee then the Town insurance should come into play. Gates stated that the Town was working on it when it collapsed. Gates understands it happened after pulling stumps from the road and they were filling in the holes using the weight of the wheel to do compacting, when it happened. Gates doesn't see this being fixed before the snow and ice is gone.

A question was asked by the Committee about when the meeting with Sanborn School District and Fremont School District is scheduled. Pinkham said they are trying to have a meeting of Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Finance Committee, but they are having a hard time getting a commitment from Sanborn for this meeting.

Pinkham started going through some of the questions from last week that she had received information on. On Page 4 the figure is currently 39 students moving up and 47 moving in, which will be an additional 8 tuition students. Nygren asked about addressing the difference in tuition or are they just going to pay the money. Pinkham said they will answer this on Wednesday night. This is a request of about \$114,000.00. Gates asked if they are guessing at the number of children that are moving up, because and if you cut them close and all of a sudden a large family moves in to Town, then you haven't budgeted enough. Nygren feels that if you give them the money for 223 students that are projected in the book and not 215 which is the actual, you may never get the money back. This figure is about \$150,000.00. Gates thought this was a point well taken. Kimball asked how many have dropped out of school this year. Pinkham said 4 with parent's permission. Pinkham said all the sections from last week questions that were left unanswered will be addressed Wednesday night by Dawn Lewis and Bonnie Sandstrom, as they will be present at the meeting on January 28, 2009.

The question on page 45 in regard to the 300% increase in Psychology contract services this is identified students who will be receiving the services. Dawn Lewis will be speaking regarding this on Wednesday.

2320-Office of the Superintendent-Violette asked about them adding a 3/4 position and was this why it went up so much. Pinkham said they added a position and cut a position. Pinkham said they cut \$26,052 for this position. She couldn't say where it came from or what position. These were the cuts that

happened and they will be providing new pages in order to update their books. Nygren said that the Superintendent salary line has the 5% raises. Violette asked what was the increase? This amount is \$28,750.00 which is the bonuses for administrators given by the Superintendent on their performance. The Superintendent's salary of \$90,000.00 has no benefits with it. Kohlhofer questioned why we need to have a Superintendent. Pinkham said legally you have to have a Superintendent. Nygren said legally you have to have someone doing the duties, you don't have to have a Superintendent. Pinkham again stated that you have to. Pinkham says he gets no health benefits. Kohlhofer quoted last years figure at \$82,800 and this year it is \$90,000. Nygren said last year the Budget Committee voted not to give raises to the administrators but they all got raises.

A motion was made by Nygren to cut the \$28,570 from the Superintendent Salary line 10-2320-5115-00-00000. This was seconded by McElroy. The vote was 6-1.

A motion was made by Kohlhofer to reduce FICA line 10-2320-5220-00-00000 by \$1992. This was seconded by Violette. The vote was 6-1.

A motion to support the School cut 10-2320-5110-00-00000 Administrative Salaries SAU \$26,052 by Nygren, seconded by McElroy, All were in favor.

2600-Operation of the Plant.-A motion was made by Kohlhofer to cut 10-2600-5624-10-00000 to \$50,000 for a reduction of \$10,000 to the Fuel Oil line. This was seconded by McElroy. The vote was unanimously approved 7-0.

2700-Transportation-A motion was made by Kohlhofer to reduce 10-2724-5519-10-00000 Athletic Transportation by \$4000. This was seconded by Violette. The vote was 5-2.

Nygren said he had checked on the two grant positions identified by Position A and Position B. Position A has left the school system and Position B is now teaching PreK. Pinkham said these two positions have been hired as paraprofessional. Nygren said if they don't get the grants then they end up funding them. Pinkham said that you have to list them. These positions will also be explained on Wednesday night's meeting by Dawn Lewis.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kohlhofer and seconded by Violette. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren
Recording Secretary